



This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of the Claims:

1-38 (Canceled).

39. (Currently amended) A process of forming ribavirin particles, the process comprising:

mixing ribavirin with ~~at least three excipients~~ an excipient to form a mixture;
adding water to the mixture in the range of 15-79% of the total mixture; and
shaping the mixture into ribavirin particles.

40. (Previously presented) The process according to claim 39, further comprising filling a capsule with the particles resulting in a total weight ranging from 243 mg to 297 mg of particles in the capsule.

41. (Previously presented) The process according to claim 40, further comprising adding a lubricant to the particles before filling the capsule.

42. (Currently amended) The process according to claim 41, wherein ~~one of the excipients~~ the excipient is povidone.

43. (Currently amended) The process according to claim 39, wherein the ~~at least three excipients are~~ excipient is selected from the group consisting of a binder, a filler, and a disintegrant.

44. (Previously presented) The process according to claim 43, wherein the binder, filler, and disintegrant are selected from the group consisting of: povidone, starch, lactose, polyethylene glycol, hydroxypropyl methylcellulose, croscarmellose sodium, cellulose, bentonite, cross-povidones, microcrystalline cellulose, and sucrose.

45. (Previously presented) The process according to claim 39, wherein the shaping step is accomplished by spheronization.

46. (Previously presented) The process according to claim 39, further comprising heating the mixture to a temperature ranging from about 35 °C to about 45 °C, until the mixture contains a moisture content ranging from 0.5% to 5.0%.

47. (Currently Amended) A process of forming a ribavirin mixture, the process comprising:

forming a mixture comprising about 35% to about 80% of ribavirin by weight, and at least two excipients a binder;

adding water to the mixture to form a granulated mass; and

drying the ~~mixture~~ granulated mass.

48. (Currently amended) The process according to claim 47, further comprising shaping the ~~mixture~~ granulated mass into particles.

49. (Currently amended) A process of forming a ribavirin mixture, the process comprising:

combining ribavirin ~~and at least three excipients~~ with an excipient to form a mixture;

adding water to the mixture to form a granulated mass; and

drying the mixture granulated mass.

50. (Previously presented) The process according to claim 49, wherein water is added to the mixture in the range of 15-79% of the total mixture.

51. (Currently amended) A process of forming a ribavirin mixture, the process comprising:

combining ribavirin with a binder, disintegrant and wetting agent to form a granulated mixture; and

drying the granulated mixture, wherein the wetting agent is water.

52. (Currently amended) The process according to claim 51, wherein water is added ~~as the wetting agent and~~ in the range of 15-79% of the total mixture.

53. (Previously presented) The process according to claim 51, further comprising shaping the granulated mixture into particles and preparing a pharmaceutical dosage with the particles.

54. (Currently amended) ~~Formulating~~ A process of formulating a ribavirin composition by wet granulation comprising the steps of wet granulating a ribavirin composition and drying the granulated ribavirin composition.

55. (Currently amended) A ribavirin composition, wherein the composition comprises ribavirin and an excipient and is in the form ~~consists essentially~~ of free flowing ribavirin particles.

56. (Currently amended) The composition according to claim 55, further comprising at least three excipients.

57. (New) The process according to claim 49, wherein the excipient is selected from the group consisting of microcrystalline cellulose, croscarmellose sodium, povidone, and lactose.

58. (New) The process according to claim 49, wherein the excipient is a binder.